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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received the following three nominations for election to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2. The following expert was nominated by the Government of Paraguay:

Carlos A. Saldívar (Paraguay).

University studies: Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of Asunción.

Post-university studies: Tax law, 1953; international public law, 1963; international organizations, 1964; National War College of Paraguay, 1969.

Profession: Lawyer, practising since 1953, interrupted by periods of public service.

Prior parliamentary activities: Member of the House of Representatives (1963-1966); National Senator (1968-1973, 1973-1978, 1978-1983, 1989-1993); Chairman of the Foreign Relations and International Affairs Committee; Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and National Defence; member of the Committee on Legislation and Codification and of the Committee on Petitions, Powers and Rules.

Parliamentary activities: Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; representative to the Latin American Parliament; Vice-President elect of the Latin American Parliament (1968-1971); member of the Advisory Council of the Latin American Parliament; member of the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1993-1998).

Public offices held: Minister for Foreign Affairs; State counsellor; Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Director of various departments within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Secretary, National Embassy, Washington, D.C.

Participation in international congresses and conferences: Member and chairman of Paraguayan delegations to regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly; Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly; meetings of OAS foreign ministers; meetings of foreign ministers of the Latin American Integration Association; meeting of foreign ministers of the River Plate Basin Treaty; meetings of the Latin American Economic System; and Vice-President of the fortieth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

International negotiations: Representative of the Government of Paraguay in the negotiations with Brazil and Argentina, respectively, for the joint development of shared water resources in the Paraná river (Itaipú and Yacyretá treaties, 1973); in the tripartite negotiations concerning the Paraná river (Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, 1979); and for the signing of the treaty on freedom of navigation with the Argentine Republic (1967).

Studies in international law: Member of the National Commission on the Codification of International Law.

International arbitration: Member of the Paraguayan National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague; member of the arbitration tribunal for the settlement of disputes within the Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR).

Professional associations: Member of the Colegio de Abogados del Paraguay; member of the Instituto Paraguayo de Derecho Internacional; member of the Asociación Paraguaya de Derecho Tribuitario; associate member of the Instituto Hispano-Luso-Americano de Derecho Internacional; member of the Inter-American Bar Association; member of the International Association for Water Law.

3. The following expert was nominated by the Government of Venezuela:

Carmen Luisa Velásquez de Visbal (Venezuela).

Degrees: Bachelor's Degree in International Studies, Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV), Caracas, 1979; Post-graduate Degree in International Law and Politics, UCV, 1994.

Other courses: Development of international border areas, Regional economic integration, International cooperation, Environmental impact, Environmental management of protected areas, External politics, and International economy, among others.

Present position: Director of International Affairs at the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (MARNR)

International seminars: Member of the Venezuelan Delegate to UNEP; IV Intergovernmental Regional Meeting on Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico, 1985; High-Level Meeting on Environmental Management in Latin

America, Venezuela, 1988; High-Level Government Experts Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Environmental Issues in Latin America and the Caribbean, Brazil, 1990, and Trinidad and Tobago, 1990; VI and VII Ministerial meeting on Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean; High-Level Government Experts Meeting to Revise the Draft Document on an Environmental Action Plan in Latin America and the Caribbean, Chile, 1990; Meeting of High-Level Government Experts on Environmental Law to Examine the Montevideo Programme on Environmental Law, Kenya, 1992; Binational Meeting on Wood Harvesting and Commercialization Between Venezuela and Colombia, Colombia, 1994; II Meeting of Ministries of Environment of Venezuela and Brazil and II Meeting of the Working Group on Environment, Venezuela, 1994; and XI Meeting of the Agriculture Commission Venezuela/United States of America, Venezuela, 1994.

Other professional experience: Executive Secretary (Alternate) of the Venezuela Commission for Participation in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED); Alternate Representative of the MARNR to the National Permanent Commission of the Amazonian Cooperation Treaty; Alternate Representative of the Board of Directors of the Instituto Forestal Latinoamericano; Member of the Commission in Charge of Writing the Organic Law of Biological Diversity, Amazonian Parliament/Congress of Venezuela; General Director of Human Resources Development and International Affairs. (In absence of its occupant, 1981-1996.)

Publications: Agenda Forestal Internacional. Revista del Servicio Autonomo Forestal Venezolano (Junio 1995), Caracas; Medidas Comerciales contenidas en los Acuerdos Multilaterales Ambientales, Julio, 1995. Seminario Nacional sobre Comercio y Medio Ambiente, Caracas (27 y 28 julio de 1995); and Posibilidades de Financiamiento a las Actividades en Diversidad Biológica. Instructor del Curso "Conservación de la Diversidad Biológica en Ambientes Neotropicales", Mérida (27/11 al 08/12/95).

4. The following expert was nominated by the Government of Uruguay:

Gustavo Alvarez (Uruguay). No biographical data has been received by the Secretariat.

5. The following expert was nominated by the Government of Pakistan:

Mohammad Nawaz Khan (Pakistan). Currently Director General (Mineral Wing), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. Professional mining engineer. Member of Pakistan Engineering Council and executive member of Engineering Congress; member of Pakistan Institute of Mining Engineers; member of Board of Directors of all State mining corporations; former Mineral Adviser of Central Treaty Organization (CENTO). Extensive professional experience at top positions in the industry as well as in governmental regulatory agencies. Country delegate to various international conferences.